

Northern Region QI Committee

September 23, 2009

Minutes

Present:	Carol Baumann	Sally Jones	Pam Nacario
	Brenda Durtschi	Jean Marie Morris	Joyce Booth
	Mary Francisco	Melonie Brown	Sarah Pomeroy
	Craig Monson	Nichole Taylor	Estelle Dahlkemper
	Rhett Fronk	Pam Hugie	Eileen Nicholas
	Landon Halverson	Karen Kagie	Sandi Rice
	Pat Ropelato	Timothy Ledna	Sylvia Cobabe
	Sherri Engar	Stacy Snyder	Mindy Lundgreen
Absent:	Susan Anderson	Justine Stephenson	Pam Clark
	Patty Conner-Rose	Jeff Tesch	Virginia Pendelton
	Winnie Warren	Daryl Melton	Linda Melton
	Bob Burch	Teresa Fowers	Jeff Tesch
	Art Rice	Virginia Pendelton	Winnie Warren
	Sandra Kimber		

Sally Jones

- Welcomed everyone
- Teen Suicide Awareness Walk this coming Saturday. All are invited. All age groups. Registration at 9:30, walk begins at 10:30. **Sally will forward information to Pam N to forward to the committee.**

DVD

- ‘The Road to Adoption and Foster Care’. Stories are...
 - Children in Foster Care
 - Aging Out
 - Adopted Children
 - Foster/Adoptive Parents
 - Hancock Family Story
 - Augsburg Family Story
 - Mitchell Family Story
 - Thiel Family Story

Copies of the DVD were handed out to the committee. They were asked to show it to groups, agencies, etc. that they felt would benefit from the information.

Updates

Pam Clark

Contract with Ogden Family Support Center & DCFS

- We can add this to our current contract. No RFP needs to be sent out to the public for bid. Hopefully this can get up and going by next month some time.

Craig Monson's Subcommittee

Placement Disruptions

- Survey of Disruptions: Handout. These recommendations were written with plenty of flexibility. Carol will discuss these with the admin team and bring back to this committee by January. *Thanks to Craig and the committee for all their hard work!*

Carol

Immersion Day

- The date has been set for November 19th, 8:30 to 12:30. There will be a CPS panel, intake, caseworkers, former clients, and a question & answer time. Carol strongly recommends that if members of this committee haven't attended one, do! You'll be glad you did.
- This group would be willing to help donate for snacks since the funding this year has been cut way back.
- Carol will have Jennifer Larson create an invitation.
- Eileen Nicholas will forward the invitation to the principals of the schools.

IL Home

- The decision has been made to close the IL home due to budget cutbacks. Carol has already met with the caseworkers who have girls in the home, the girls themselves and the staff of the IL Home. There will be great care taken in transitioning the girls to other placements. The IL home has been in place for 30 years. This will be a very big loss.
- Estelle Dahlkemper will forward contact info for the Swanson Foundation and Eccles Foundation regarding possible funding help to keep the home running. The final decision would have to come from the Department Director, Lisa-Michele Church.
- Sherri Engar will contact Sarah Pomeroy for possible help with placements.

QI Summit

- The QI Summit will be December 1st from 9:00 to 3:00 in SLC. This is an opportunity to visit with committee members from other regions to discuss what they're doing, projects they're working on, etc. Please let Carol or Pam N. know

if you plan on going. A state van can be reserved so everyone could ride down together. **Carol will send out an email to the committee so they can RSVP.**

Upcoming QI Meetings

- Octobers' official meeting will not take place. Instead, there will be a training – 'Insight...The Whole Team'. It will consist of two panels...foster parents and caseworkers. The purpose is to share information regarding what each other goes through, what's required, etc. A chance to get a better understanding of each others role in the life of children in care. *This will be a good chance for this committee to hear what concerns foster parents and workers have, as well as what's working well.* It will be October 28th, 9:00 to 2:00 in the Ogden office. **Carol will send out an email for this group to RSVP to.**
- **November & December meetings will be cancelled due to the holidays.**
- Next meeting will be January 27th. Starting in January the committee will need to decide on a new project.

*4th Quarter data is now available. **Pam will forward the web site to this group.**

*Committee members would like an update each month regarding disruptions and possible positive outcomes. **Carol will forward the 'permanency' stories the region submits each month to this committee.**

*The Kinship team has implemented several changes in the last few months, in hopes of making the kinship licensing process easier. **Jean Marie will start getting updates on whether or not all their efforts have helped reduce the number of disruptions and will report those finding to this committee.**

Next meeting will be January 27th at 9:00 am, Ogden office.